TRENDS

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WASHINGTON, February 15, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 10 totaled 341,617, up 9.9 percent from the comparable week of 1989 and 1.5 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 24.9 percent in the West but down 0.4 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 17,977 cars (15.5 percent), while grain loadings rose by 6,278 cars (23.4 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment fell by 3,643 cars (17.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first six weeks of 1990 totaled 1,985,066, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 119,326 trailers and/or containers for the week ended February 10, up 7.9 percent from the comparable week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of 1990 was 677,897 trailers and/or containers, 4.3 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 10 totaled 19.8 billion, 10.0 percent above the comparable week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1990 was an estimated 115.2 billion ton-miles, up 1.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	33,145	26,867	23.4 %	32,125	3.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,577	1,659	-4.9	2,011	-21.6
Metallic Ores	15,118	12,765	18.4	15,432	-2.0
Coal	133,601	115,624	15.5	129,463	3.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,615	9,662	30.6	12,202	3.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,654	8,939	-3.2	9,855	-12.2
Grain Mill Products	10,226	10,128	1.0	10,180	.5
Food & Kindred Products	8,952	8,492	5.4	9,402	-4.8
Primary Forest Products	10,238	9,249	10.7	9,930	3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,472	6,223	4.0	7,034	-8.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,564	10,826	-2.4	10,675	-1.0
Chemicals	27,654	26,211	5.5	28,630	-3.4
Petroleum Products	4,850	4,455	8.9	4,524	7.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,703	8,754	10.8	9,184	5.7
Coke	5,578	5,594	-.3	5,356	4.1
Metals & Products	9,444	9,134	3.4	10,089	-6.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,327	20,970	-17.4	15,616	11.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,753	8,971	-2.4	8,462	3.4
All Other Carloads	7,146	6,357	12.4	6,528	9.5
Total	341,617	310,880	9.9 %	336,698	1.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 6 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	341,617	310,880	9.9 %	1,985,066	1,958,207	1.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,881	64,274	4.1	379,321	374,680	1.2
Containers	52,445	46,329	13.2	298,576	275,146	8.5
Total	119,326	110,603	7.9	677,897	649,826	4.3
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.8	18.0	10.0 %	115.2	113.0	1.9 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 6, 1990 - CIM & UP.

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